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For: BENZO[C]QUINOLIZINE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS 5α -

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New York, NY 10036 April 23, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed October 23, 2002. Kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel Claims 11 and 12.

Kindly add the following claims:

27. (new) A method for the inhibition of 5α reductase-I and/or 5α reductase-II iso-enzymes as defined in claim 11 where the pathology is selected from the group consisting of acne, baldness, prostatic cancer and prostatic hypertrophy in men and hirsutism in women.